

# THE STICK

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## 41 Students Make President's List

### HILL TO BE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

#### NOMINATIONS MADE FOR NEXT YEAR'S SAXIFRAGE

As a result of the new proposal for the election of the 1940 Saxifrage staff, the following nominations have been made.

#### CLASS of 1940

Editor-in-chief, Herbert Downs; Assistant Business Manager, J. Murphy, H. Gibson; Photograph Editor, L. Aldrich, S. Stanley; Art Editor, B. Baldwin.

Committees: Art, V. Hamilton, B. Cleaves; Athletic, A. Turner, R. Hughes; Organization, R. Lagsdin, R. Gearan; Feature, R. Holt, V. Kenney; Biography, H. O'Connell, ch.; M. Gagnon, M. Gibbons, E. Aykroyd, R. Lafrenie.

#### CLASS of 1941

Associate Editor, R. Boyce;  
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### COMMISSIONER DOWNEY MAKES FIRST VISIT HERE

As a result of an invitation from the faculty and President Herlihy of the Fitchburg Teachers College, Walter F. Downey, recently appointed commissioner of education, made his first official visit here on last Thursday, March 9, despite inclement weather.

After a tea and reception given in the reception room of Miller Hall, he was introduced to all members of the faculty.

In a talk to the faculty he outlined the many interesting phases of the work of the state department of education and expressed the hope that it may in the future be possible to establish an

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#### DONNELLY, SEARS, AND CLEAVES ALSO ELECTED

As the result of election on March 13 and 14 the following



Howard Hill

persons were elected as Cooperative Association and Council officers for next year.

President Howard Hill, Vice-President Edward Donnelly, Treasurer Bernice Cleaves, Secretary Dorothy Sears. These officers will take over their duties on April 1.

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The reports of the STICK delegates to the Columbia Press Conference may be found on pages 3 and 4.

#### DR. HERLIHY READS LIST IN ASSEMBLY

The following is a list of students who received A and B marks for the semester ending January 20, 1939:

From the Senior J, the following received this honor: Constance Day, Mary Disken, Paul Haire, Charlotte Hanson, Beulah Mitchell, Marie Neudorf, Edward O'Sheasy, Martha Parshley, Norma Richardson, Mildred Slattery, Dorothy Sleep, and Madalyn Wolfson. From Senior E: Edith Bixby, Bernadine Johnson, Helmi Matilainen, Helen McAuliffe, Eleanor McCarthy, and Gertrude Ruane. From Senior P. A.: Henry Lambert. From Junior J: Vir-

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### DELEGATES REPORT ON NEW YORK CONFERENCE

The largest conference of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, in fact the largest gathering of its kind ever to take place, was attended last week by four of our staff: Herb Downs, Les Aldrich, Emily Yauga and Rowe Nevin. A member of the Associated Teachers College Press division, THE STICK owes much of its improvement in the past two years to these annual conferences.

The opening ceremonies in the McMillan theatre on Thursday afternoon were followed by sectional meetings, which were presided over by recognized leaders in their respective fields, and which covered practically every phase in scholastic publishing. "How Can I Improve the Appearance of My Paper"; "The Me-

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# The Stick

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## EDITORIAL STAFF

Managing Editor	Herbert Downs
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Feature Editor	Paul Haire
Business Manager	Alfred Turner
News Editor	Virginia Schmidt
Secretary	Emily Yauga
Professional Editor	Thomas Passios
Supplement Editor	Ben Mason

SPORTS EDITORS: Harry O'Connell, Constance Day, Tony Tasca, and Ursula Mulcahy.

REPORTERS: Barbara Fisher, Frank Houghton, Bob Manning, Philip Siegel, Marion Moore, Marie Neudorf, Helen Gibson, Mary Diskin, Walter Vorse, Helen Hill, Angela Mikutaitis, Peg Bailey, Roger Pauze, Sirk Waris and Richard Finn.

Shop Foreman	Rowe Nevin
Proofreader	John Gemma
Sponsor	C. W. Hague

## OUR COUNCIL OFFICERS

To the past officers of the Cooperative council may we for the students thank you for the tireless hours spent in planning in our behalf. We appreciate your conscientious effort to get our new "baby" into a grown up, well-working organization. Under your efficient president, Miss Dormin, you have made a landmark in the history of our college.

To the new officers may we offer our congratulations. May you go ahead and profit by the past experiences of our first board. We would offer the suggestion that you need a publicity chairman on your board. He could pave the way for all meetings and could iron out many difficulties. "THE STICK" will be glad to cooperate with the board in bringing about anything that is for the betterment of the Cooperative Association.

## ELECTIONS

During the next two months you will choose the leaders for the year to come. Have you thought of the qualifications of your candidate?

Campaigning is sure to spring up but there

## THE ASHTRAY

by M. E. D.

Whatever can be the reason for the subdued expressions on the visages of such a goodly number of our fellow students? Perhaps the following bit of philosophy might lighten their spirits.....We'll call it "Why Worry"?.....I wonder why folks worry. There are only two reasons for worry. Either you are successful or you are not successful. If you are successful, there is nothing to worry about; if you are not, there are only two things to worry about. Your health is either good or you are sick; if your health is good, there is nothing to worry about; if you are sick, there are only two things to worry about. You are going to get well or you are going to die; if you are going to get well, there is nothing to worry about; if you are going to die, there are only two things to worry about. You are either going to heaven or you are not going to heaven; if you are going to heaven, there is nothing to worry about; and if you are going to the other place, you will be so busy shaking hands with your old friends you won't have time to worry. SO WHY WORRY? WORRY?

Now, quite at ease, we can consider the following:

Who claims their "Ham" is sugar-cured?

Who tried to make gravy from corn-beef? (Don't say we didn't warn you, Tom.)

Whose ice cream would have melted in such "hot" company?

Who said, "It all comes out in the wash—but leaves you a bit unironed."

Whose floor was shellacked? And then who was shellacked? (Hi, John!)

Joo-see Jessie's Outlaws? They're invincible!

is no reason why a campaign should change your mind for you. You have associated with the candidates and should be able to recognize leadership. There are always candidates for positions whose popularity exceeds their ability.

The future social success of the college lies in your votes. Think—then vote.

## EDITOR GIVES SUMMARY OF PAST YEAR

There were about fifteen teacher college staffs present at the Saturday morning conference in Hotel Commodore. Each college was asked to present a speaker to talk on his own paper. I was the speaker for Fitchburg. After the talks the meeting was opened for discussion. I was pleased in comparing our "pee-wee" paper with the other college publications to find that we print more material per month than any paper represented there. We were the only staff without an office. We were second on the list of papers with freedom from faculty domination. We were the smallest college in enrollment, most of the colleges having an enrollment of about 500.

I attended a conference led by William R. Finn, Merchantville, N. J., on Teachers College Newspapers. He gave many suggestions for improving the papers in the colleges. I found that we were a jump ahead of him in many things, however, he left some fine suggestions that we can work out in our paper.

"The Modern Trend Toward Informality in School Annual Design" led by Mr. Mazurek was a gold mine for ideas in designing a school annual.

Mr. John E. Allen in his talk on "Modern Trends in Newspaper Make-up" brought out the fact that the head line flush left on the page is much better than the old style because it is easier to write, set, and read. Roger Holt changed our style to this form last year.

I was interested in the World's Fair trip. Who wouldn't be? After the group I was with had passed the perisphere, I hid. With the help of a workman, I got up into the immense ball which will house the world of tomorrow when the fair opens. As it is not yet completed, "No Trespassing" signs surround it.

I hope that next year's staff

## EDITORIAL POLICIES STUDIED BY ALDRICH

Ever since "THE STICK" was started there has been the question, "What should determine the policy of our paper, and who should determine that policy?" In hopes of finding an answer to our question, I attended the meeting on "Determining the Editorial Policy in a School Paper" led by Dr. Marion E. Shea of Newark, N. J. The following is a brief outline of the facts presented in Dr. Shea's address:

### A. Determining the policy

1. What the school has stood for in the past as well as what it stands for in the present helps to determine the policy.
2. The first readers of any school paper are the students themselves. After them come the faculty, administration, and parents.
3. Exchange publications help to determine the policy.

### B. Shaping a policy

1. Editor and editorial board are directly responsible for shaping the policy.
2. Staff must know the students they are serving.
3. Platform should be published so readers will know what to expect.

### C. Platform

1. "All the news that's fit to print."
2. Never use newspaper as a vehicle to blacken any person's character.

will strive to win recognition with our paper. We have been going to these conventions for four years and it seems to me that we ought to be ready to take away some of the prizes. We have not entered our paper up until now because of its size, but I believe we can overcome that weakness by special attention to the content of future issues.

Your Editor,

—H. Downs

## EMILY YAUGA BRINGS BACK NEWS HINTS

There were 2620 delegates attending the fifteenth annual Columbia Scholastic Press Association Convention. Coming from high schools and colleges in different parts of the United States.

The convention was opened in the McMillan Theater of Columbia University on Thursday afternoon by Joseph M. Murphy, Director of the Association. Sectional meetings followed.

I attended the meetings which dealt with news-writing. Mrs. Pauline F. Geffen, Instructor of Journalism at Montclair State Teachers College, N. J. gave much instruction in writing news-stories and analyzed the difficulties which reporters are apt to have. C. S. Mitchell of the Poly Prep Country Day School of Brooklyn, N. Y. led a discussion on "How to Develop the Knack of Writing Leads" The new information (CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR)

3. School paper should influence student thought.
4. Should influence fine, clean sportsmanship in students.
5. Serve as voice of reading public.
6. Give praise when praise is due an individual.
7. Should not be an organ of the administration, but rather an organ of the students.

From the discussion that followed the last statement, it could be readily seen that our staff has a comparatively free hand as compared to the administrative dictatorship which many teachers' colleges have to undergo—for this we should be very thankful.

To each and everyone of you who made my trip to The Columbia Press Conference possible, I am indeed grateful. I hope that through the knowledge gained at New York I may serve you and your paper more fully in the time to come.

—Lester Aldrich

**Stick Conference**

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chanics of Newspaper Printing"; "Make Your Advertisers Glad They Spent Their Money"—these were but a few of the topics lectured on and discussed.

Following this, our delegates attended a clinic, that is, an open forum, for all members of the Teachers College division. This proved a very valuable part of the program, and many helpful ideas and suggestions were exchanged.

Friday morning, another series of special meetings was held, and again, a wide range of subjects was ably presented, with even such things as interviews, censorship, and new printing processes coming up for discussion. The afternoon was spent in less formal activities, with a visit to the grounds of the New York World's Fair as the feature. This visit was taken as a group trip of the Teachers College delegates, and proved of outstanding interest. This same body held a dinner dance in the evening at the Hotel Dixie, an affair which gave the delegates a fine opportunity to become acquainted.

Saturday morning was, however, the time when the main event of the Teachers College program was held. At the Hotel Commodore, a panel discussion on problems peculiar to this type of school, and a business meeting of the division were conducted. During this period, Herb Downs was among the many editors called upon to give a report on aspects of his paper which might be of general interest to the assemblage.

In his report, Editor Downs emphasized the following points as worthy of note: 1, A definite increase in the interest of the students; 2, A minimum of faculty censorship, which allows for an opportunity to serve the student body unhampered; 3, An increase in pictorial matter; 4, The consistent size of the paper.

**TECHNICAL INFORMATION INTERESTS ROWE NEVIN**

Aside from the general meetings attended by all delegates, my time was devoted to discussions and clinics pertaining to typography, makeup, and the writing of headlines.

To enumerate the individual points covered at the conference would not only take too much room but also would prove boring to all except students of printing. However, with the knowledge gained, I hope to be able to: (1) improve the looks of THE STICK through a more balanced arrangement, (2) increase interest by a variation of style, and (3) make reading easier by use of better headlines.

More than the technical knowledge gained, I returned with an added desire to do my best to improve THE STICK in any possible way.

—Rowe Nevin

Relative to this point, he told the delegates that, as far as he knows, it has the smallest size of any weekly paper in the country. Fifty copies of last week's "STICK" had been rushed to him Friday morning from here, and he offered these for distribution upon request. Practically every one was immediately taken, and many favorable comments were heard.

It may be noted here that John Quinn, technical editor of the Salem "Log" was chosen executive secretary of the Teachers College Association at the election which was part of the meeting.

The entire conference body was present at the closing exercises, consisting of a luncheon in the Hotel Commodore Saturday noon, with closing addresses, a radio broadcast, and the presentation of special awards featuring the ceremonies.

A conception of the growth of the association can be gained from figures released at the

**SNOW STORM FORCES COLLEGE TO CLOSE**

A one day vacation was granted by Old Man Winter to Fitchburg Teachers College students on Monday March 13. Despite the many difficulties and drifts encountered by the commuters, many managed to force their way to school, and there learn that the administration had decreed no classes for the day.

**Emily Yauga**

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mation and the rules and aids in writing which I received, I will turn over to our News Editor.

Representatives of Teachers Colleges visited the Horace Mann School as part of Friday's program. After Dr. Rollo G. Reynolds, principal, outlined the progressive plan of education used in his school, we were allowed to visit the classrooms.

At the banquet on Saturday afternoon at Hotel Commodore, which closed the convention, Alice Duer Miller, noted author, was the guest speaker.

—E. Yauga

convention, which show that, in comparison with the first conference, held in 1925, when 179 publications sent some 300 delegates; this year's gathering was attended by no less than 2600 students journalists representing about 1200 publications. This group of 1200 editors was the largest such assemblage in the world. The speakers numbered 182, all chosen for unusual experience and knowledge in their respective fields.

THE STICK delegates brought back the good news that they have been selected to submit full page articles to appear in the June, 1939 and April, 1940 official organ of the Association. issues of the "Press Review," A copy of each issue of this paper can be found in the periodical section of our college library.



Based on the personality poll of the Freshman Class which was published in THE STICK last week.

Who is the noisiest girl in the Freshman class? Don't tell us that they're all shy violets!

Bill Powers and Bill Groves ran nose to nose for the noisiest fellow. There should have been a photo finish to see which bill got there first!

Babe Sullivan has a monopoly on personality—most fun, most friendly, most accommodating. Congratulations!

Madeline Viner polled an almost unanimous vote for the girl athlete. More congratulations!!

It took some time to figure out whom to credit the votes for "The General" to.

From the results of the voting it seems that just about all the Frosh are *fun and friendly*.

"Gooey" Palermo stepped off with honors for Beau Brumel. Al Shinner was trailing right along behind him.

We're still wondering who should be credited with the vote marked "Boily" for the Baby Girl!

Frances Merritt was leading "Leader". Following right along in your footsteps, Joe!

"Murph is supposed to be Fun. We wouldn't know, we never hear a word from him.

Ray Farquhar ran off with the blue ribbon for the Baby Boy. Child Prodigy, we say!

Kay Proctor captured the pink ribbon for the Baby Girl. Peg B. was running right along side nearly up to the finish when she suddenly began to grow up.

Is Patch accommodating? We say, most patches have to be!

Is Dick Finn friendly? Just ask Hedy LaMarr!!!!

Bowman has to be serious. He drives 60 miles to school every day.

Tasca and Hadd were chosen the Astaire-Rogers team! Was that a coincident???

Francis Sullivan and Beulah Howard are the quietest. They must be—everyone is asking who thy are !

Dot C. is the busiest Frosh girl. What is this important business, we wonder! Possibly it isn't business.

Mary O'Conner was in the running for just about *everything* but the quietest and the most serious!

Mitzi Howe was in line for both the quietest and noisiest! Now, we ask you, is that logic?

What happened to the P. A. men's votes????

Speaking of Personalities, have you heard Mr. Harrington quote French poetry? If you haven't you've missed something!

Mr Weston still abbreviates student's names. Edwards is Ed, Bowman is Bow. Poor Butterfield!

We wonder if the class in Analytical Chemistry has come up against anything like this yet:

*Woman's Chemical Analysis:* Extremely active, possesses great affinity for gold, silver, platinum and precious stones. Caution! Violent reaction when left alone by

man. Has ability to absorb all sorts of expensive foods. Turns better appearing specimen. Ages rapidly. Fresh variety has greater magnetic qualities. Highly explosive and likely to be dangerous in experienced hands!

## MARKS FOR FIRST SEMESTER GIVEN OUT

Report cards have been given out through the post office. Perhaps this fact accounts for the sudden interest in academic work shown by the entire student body. Even those students who would rather play than work, are now seen laden with books and papers, rushing up the staircase to the library. Anyone not knowing the circumstances would think that it is exam week, but it is merely the week after reports. If this enthusiasm keeps up, the President's list will be unusually long next time.

## GLEE CLUB TO SEE PRODUCTION

The Glee Club is making plans to attend a joint performance of "Pinafore" and "Cox and Box" given by the D'Oyly Carte's Gilbert & Sullivan Company on May 10 and has invited all others interested in the Gilbert & Sullivan operettas to join them.

Announcements are out for the program of D'Oyly Carte's performance to be held in Boston from April 17 to May 13.

## GIRLS PLAN SWIM

The first swim of the year will be held in the Gardner pool next Monday afternoon. Gerry Lyons, Head of Swimming, has arranged various races and matches for the girls.

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**Downey Visit**

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objective system for evaluating and rating candidates for positions in the department. He stated that

**Walter F. Downey**

he contemplates changing the classification of positions in teachers colleges to follow the pattern of other colleges.

Impressed with the campus, buildings and standards of maintenance he commented favorably. Mr. Anthony and Commissioner Downey exchanged reminiscences of their golfing at the Alpine Golf Club in this city, when Mr. Downey was teaching at the Fitchburg High School.

It is expected that the commissioner will visit Fitchburg later in the spring to make an inspection of unterminated work on the athletic field.

**Sax Nominations**

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Business Manager, G. Joseph, R. Nevin; Art Editor, W. Pierce.

Committees: Art, E. Connelly, J. Brennan; Athletic, L. Szocik, G. Berry; Photography, D. Hackett, J. Mulski, W. Wiebust; Organization, J. Lalli, S. Waris.

**SOPHOMORES TO GIVE PLAY NEXT TUESDAY**

On Tuesday, March 20, a group of the Sophomore members of the Dramatic Club will present a play entitled "And There Was Light" by Charles O'Brien Kennedy. This play is being coached by Beverly O'Donnell. The nurse is played by Dorothy Hackett and Gilbert Whitney will be the doctor. Ursula Mulcahy will take the part of a girl character.

This play is the third in a series of plays given in competition among different class members of the Dramatic Club. The Seniors and Juniors have already given their productions.

**SCHEDULE****WEEK OF MARCH 20****Monday**

- 12:20 P. M.—Co-ed recreation
- 12:30 P. M.—Intra-mural board meeting
- 3:30 P. M.—Baseball, Battery practice
- 4:00 P. M.—Intra-mural volleyball

**Tuesday**

- 11:00 P. M.—Assembly
- 12:20 P. M.—Co-ed recreation
- 3:00 P. M.—Girls' Volleyball

**Wednesday**

- 12:20 P. M.—Co-ed recreation
- 3:30 P. M.—Baseball, Battery practice

**Thursday**

- 12:20 P. M.—Co-ed recreation
- 4:00 P. M.—Girls' volleyball
- 4:00 P. M.—Baseball, Battery practice
- 4:00 P. M.—Intra-mural volleyball

**Friday**

- 12:20 P. M.—Co-ed recreation
- 3:00 P. M.—Roller skating party—Whalom

**CRAFT FILMS SHOWN IN ASSEMBLY PERIOD**

Two films, one on metal-craft and the other on leather-craft were shown by Epsilon Chapter of EPSILON PI TAU during the assembly period last Thursday. They were of greatest interest to the Practical Arts students and others doing craft work. The first film, on metal, showed the entire process, from hammering to the final polishing, of making a copper bowl. The film on leather illustrated the construction of a billfold, from laying out and cutting the pattern to sewing and finishing the product.

**President's List**

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ginia Schmidt and Lester Aldrich. From Junior E: Benjamin Mason and Thomas Passios. From Junior P.A.: Walter Harrod and Howard Hill. From Sophomore 1 and 2: Claire Andrews, Eileen Connelly, Mary Gibbons, Marion Moore, and Emily Yauger. From the Sophomore P.A.: Russell Anderson, Arnold Hansen, Charles MacLean, and John Mulski. From Freshman 1 and 2: Car Bowman, Raymond Farquar, Ralph Gray, Gertrude Hermanson, Robert Patch, and Helen Rice. From Freshman P.A.: William Konavage.

Of the students on the Honor list the following received all A marks: Claire Andrews, Ralph Gray, Helen McAuliffe, and Edward McCarthy.

The pupils whose names appear on the above list should be congratulated on their fine work.

**Council Elections**

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This year's officers will still attend meetings, but will no longer be voting members.

Nominations for council members will be held in the respective class meetings on March 20.